FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 1: Control Environment

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Ethics				
1	Does the agency's Code of Ethics demonstrates a commitment to integrity and ethical behavior?				
2	Does management clearly communicate and demonstrate the importance of integrity and ethical behavior within the workplace?				
	Management's Philosophy				
3	Does the agency have a written mission statement containing the purpose, goals, and objectives?				
4	Has management provided staff with an understanding and awareness of the benefits of effective internal control?				
5	Does the agency have an current organizational chart?				
	Organizational Structure				
6	The agency's organizational structure is appropriate to carry out its mission and manage its operations effectively?				
7	The organizational structure in each division provides adequate supervisory and managerial oversight?				
8	Management periodically evaluates the organizational structure in light of changes in the scope, nature, or extent of operations? Access controls have been established to enforce segregation of				
9	duties?				

10	The agency has established an audit committee to review results of internal and external reviews (audits and monitoring reports) of the agency?		
11	The agency has designated an internal control officer responsible for assessing controls and communicating results to management?		
12	Does the agency's internal auditor (if applicable) report directly to the board or commission? If not, does the internal auditor report to the Executive Director or agency audit committee (if applicable)?		
	Management's Commitment to Professional		
13	Are employees properly trained and capable of performing all jobs within their division?		
14	Does the agency have a formal training and continuiing education program that encourages employees to obtain certifications in their functional area?		
	Human Resources Standards		
15	Does the agency have a new hire orientation policy? If so, does the agency ensure that new employees are made aware of their responsibilities and management's expectations?		
16	Does management personnel meet with employees to review job performance and discuss opportunities for improvement?		
	Performance appraisals adequately address internal control responsibilities and establish criteria for integrity and ethical behavior?		
18	Does the agency perform background checks on individuals hired for sensitive positions?		
19	Does the agency conduct background check on each applicant based on legitimate business needs relating to the position? For example, applicants who will be in positions involving confidential information or other sensitive data or who may have access to corporate or customer funds?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 2: Risk Assessment

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	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
-	Risk Management				
	The agency identifies potential events that may adversely effect the				
	acheivement of agency-wide or division objectives?				
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	During an emergency event, has management implemented a				
	contingency plan that will ensure the continuation of the agency's				
2	operation?				
	Once a response has been selected, does management determine				
3	whether an implementation plan is needed?				
	If an implementation plan is needed, does management establish				
4	the necessary controls to ensure the implementation is effective?				
	Once a risk response is developed for inherent risk, does				
5	management consider residual risk?				
	Does managament consider the likelihood and/ or impact? If so				
6	what controls are being implemented to mitigate the risk?				
	Does management identify and analyze risks relating to change, like				
7	new technology, new regulations, restructuring, and rapid growth?				
	Does management consider the potential for fraud when				
8	identifying, analyzing, and responding to risks?				
	Are final risk determinations and managerial approvals documented				
9	and kept on file?				

There is a corrective action plan process to promptly resolve audit			
and monitoring findings from both internal and external sources?			
Does the department have a process to identify new (or changed)			
laws or statutory requirements that could affect the department's			
1 operations?			

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 3: Control Activities

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Control Activities Applicable to All Fiscal Processes				
1	Are there policies and procedures developed and implemented for each major fiscal process?				
2	Does management have a process for the development, approval, and implementation of policy updates?				
3	Are polices and procedures manuals updated on a timely manner and reflect current processes?				
4	Does the agency policies and procedures identify how processes are to be performed and monitored and who carrry out those responsibilities?				
5	Does management knowledge of the organization's affairs periodically review and document the functionality and overall effectiveness of controls?				
6	Has management implemented effective procedures that verify the accuracy of data when it is entered, processed, generated, distributed, or transferred?				
7	Does management segregate key duties and responsibilities among employees to minimize the risk of misuse, mistakes, or fraud?				
	Agency-wide Security Management Program				
8	Has the agency developed a plan that clearly describes the agency-wide security program? If so, are there policies and procedures that support the security program?				

	Has management established a structure to implement and manage		Ι
	the security program throughout the agency? Are security		
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9	responsibilities clearly defined?		
	Has the agency implemented effective security-related personnel		
10	policies?		
	Does management monitor and periodically assess the security		
11	program policies, procedures and compliance?		
	If weaknesses in the security program are identified, does		
12	management take corrective action ?		
	Is the agency's information technology policies and procedures in		
	accordance with ITS policies, standards and guidelines?		
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F	Access Control		
	Has the agency established physical and logical controls to prevent		
14	and detect unauthorized access?		
	Are sensitive and confidential data files password protected at all		
	times including portable flash drives, thumb drives, laptops, etc?		
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16	Are passwords required for access on all computers?		
17	Are staff required to regularly change their passwords?		
	Does the agency monitor information systems access, investigate		
	apparent violations, and take appropriate disciplinary action?		
18			
	Does the agency have documented procedures for removing access		
	to all systems when an employee leaves the agency?		
19			
	Application Software Development & Change Control		
	Is the agency Information system processing features and program		
20	modifications properly authorized?		
	Are all new or revised software thoroughly tested and approved?		
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	Does the agency have established procedures to ensure control of			
	its software libraries? (includes labeling, access restrictions, use of			
22	inventories and separate libraries.)			
	System Software Control			
	Does the agency limit access to system software based on job			
23	responsibilities? Is the access authorization documented?			
	Does the agency monitor access to and the uses of system			
24	software?			
	Are there any changes made to the system software? If so, who			
25	makes these changes?			
	Are there policies in place that will not allow an employee to load			
	personal software on an agency server or employees work station?			
26				
	Service Continuity			
	Has the agency taken steps to prevent and minimize potential			
	damage and interruption through the use of data and program			
	backup procedures? (include off - site storage of backup data as			
	well as enviornmental controls, staff training, hardware			
27	maintenance and management)			
	Does the agency periodically test and restore the backup files to			
28	ensure access?			
	Has management developed and documented a comprehensive			
29	contingency plan?			
	Does the agency test the contingency plan and adjust it as			
30	appropriate?			
	Only answer the following questions if accounting			
	system other than Magic is maintained.			
	For agencies not using Magic as its general ledger, access and			
	related records to the general ledger are restricted to those who			
31	are assigned general ledger responsibilities?			
30	Does the agency test the contingency plan and adjust it as appropriate? Only answer the following questions if accounting system other than Magic is maintained. For agencies not using Magic as its general ledger, access and related records to the general ledger are restricted to those who			

Does the agency have sufficient system controls in place for		
general ledger? If so, are these controls documented and tested?		
32 How often are they tested?		
33 Does the agency reconcile its accouting system daily to MAGIC?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 4: Information and Communication

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Information Questionnaire				
1	Does the agency have adequate provisions to provide information to staff that facilitates the operating, reporting, and compliance mandates?				
	Are system generated reports adequate, sufficient, and effective for the user?				
	Is management receptive to comments by internal and external auditors regarding deficiencies or suggestions for improvement? Does the agency respond with an appropriate action plan?				
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4	Has the agency developed an information technology plan that is liniked to achieving the agency's objectives?				
	Are the information technology plans modified as needed to support new objectives?				
	Communication Questionnaire				
6	Do communication channels exist for employees to effectively communicate up, down, and across the agency?				
7	Are detailed reports and data provided to appropriate staff timely or on a timely basis?				
	Does a clear communication channel exist to report suspected improprieties?				
9	For individuals who report suspected improprieties provided feedback and are immune from reprisals?				

Are realistic mechanisms in place for employees to provide recommendations for improvements to work environment?		
Are employees' suggestions acknowledged by providing incentives or other meaningful recognition?		
When an agency changes its objectives or strategies, is it communicated timely to all agency staff?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 5: Monitoring

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Monitoring Questionnaire				
	Are the internal controls being monitored and reviewed by				
1	management to determine if it is operating as intended?				
	Does management solicit input from staff on opportunities to				
2	improve the effectiveness of controls?				
	Does the agency evaluate the internal control system when there				
	are major strategy changes? (e.g., acquisitions or dispositions,				
3	operations and methods for processing etc.)				
	Has management established performance measures for processes				
	and do they receive periodic reports of the effectiveness of those				
4	results for those measures?				
	Are internal control deficiencies reported to the person directly				
	responsible for the activity and to a person one level higher?				
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	Does the department have a process to ensure that prior-year audit				
6	findings have been corrected?				
	For a control deficiency, does the agency reassess and modify the				
7	control to prevent compliance problems?				
	Does the agency notify IT department within 24 hours that an				
8	employee has been terminated?				

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Section 6: Procurement and Accounts Payable

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	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Purchasing Overview				
	Are all state purchases made in accordance with State and				
	Federal laws and regulations? (directive of the DFA Office of				
	Purchasing and Travel Procurement Manual, ITS Procurement				
	and Procedures Handbook, State Personnel Board Policy and				
	Procedures Manual and the Personal Service Contract				
1	Procurement regulations)				
	Who is allowed to procure goods and services for the agency?				
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	Are purchasing officers knowledgeable in federal and state				
3	purchasing laws and regulations?				
	Are Executive Director and alls staff authorized as purchasing				
	officers aware of penalties associated with improper and				
	fraudulent purchases? (MS Code Annotated (1972) Section 31-				
4	7-55 and 31-7-57)				
	Are purchasing officers encouraged to participate in the MS				
	Association of Government Purchasing and Property Agents				
5	training?				
	Are procurement centralized within the agency, to the extent				
6	possible?				
	Are all employees knowledgeable in the Ethics in Public				
	Contracting section and DFA Office of Purchasing and Travel				
7	Procurement Manual?				

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	Are procedures in place to electronically submit purchase orders to be paid out of funds appropriated for any fiscal year by June 30 or the date specified by DFA?			
	Are procedures in place to ensure that proper expenditure object codes are used on purchase order documents and that all other required fields are populated with correct accounting codes?			
20	Are procedures in place whereby vendors are notified on a timely basis (before sevices begins) that a purchase order cannot be issued to them unless they first have a vendor number in MAGIC?			
21	Are procedures in place to consolidate orders in order to take advantage of quantity discounts?			
22	Are procedures in place to insure budget authority/cash exists prior to solicitation for procurement?			
	Are procedures in place to ensure that authorized employees are requesting the purchasing department to order goods and services? Are these request in written communication?			
	Are procedures in place to ensure segregation of duties between purchasing, receiving and payment of goods and services?			
25	Are procedures in place to ensure that MAGIC security profiles are consistent with segregation of duties?			
26	Purchasing- Emergency Purchases The Executive Director and purchasing officer are aware of the legal definition of an emergency as set forth in Section 31-7-1(f) of the Mississippi Code?			
	Before and emergency purchase is declared, the agency does determine that the emergency which necessitates the purchase meets the legal definition?			

For each emergency purchase, does your agency have documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price and the nature of the emergency?		
Has the agency developed an emergency purchasing plan which may be put to immediate use should a disaster occur?		
Has the agency followed ALL applicable rules and regulations pertaining to emergency purchases?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 7: Cash Disbursements

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Cash Disbursements- Procurement Cards				
1	Has the agency identified and approved the number of cardholders and personnel to be assigned these cards?				
2	Has the agency developed and documented internal controls for the Procurement Card activities that comply with the Office of Purchasing and Travel Procument Manual?				
3	Has the agency developed and documented internal control procedures that are in compliance with Procurement Card contract provisions?				
4	Are all payments to the Procurement Card Vendor made by the corresponding due date?				
5	Are purchase logs and cardholder statements obtained and reconciled to the corresponding Procurement Card vendor statement prior to receipt of the next Procurement Card vendor statement?				
6	Are reconciled statements reviewed and approved by the cardholder's supervisor, in writing?				
7	Are unacceptable materials and incomplete services documented and does the purchaser takes appropriate corrective action with the vendor?				
8	Are original payment processing documents maintained by an agency on file for auditing purposes?				
	Cash Disbursements-Expenditures				

	Are the responsibilities of initiating a purchase separate from				
Ç	approving payments?				
	Are invoice processing and accounts payable functions adequately				
10	segregated from those for the general ledger functions?				
	Does the agency have documented policies that ensure compliance				
13	with the State's prompt payment law?				
	Are payment processing documents retained on file at the agency				
12	for the required retention period?				
	Does the agency ensure procedures for disbursments are used only				
	for authorized purposes? If so, does the agency follow the laws,				
13	rules, and regulations that govern the disbursements?				
	Are the responsibilities for disbursement procedures clearly				
14	documented and assigned to specific personnel?				
	Are controls established to assure that all payments are made on a				
15	timely basis and in accordance with all PO's and contracts?				
	Are proper invoice numbers reported on the payment document to				
16	ensure that duplicate payments are not made?				
	Are vendor invoices received in a central location?				
	Are responsibilities for receiving goods and services adequately				
18	segregated from approving payments?				
	Are MAGIC security profiles established for the cash disbursement				
	function in agreement with adequate segregation of duties?				
19					
	Has the agency established procedures for adequate pre-audit of all				
	agency expenditures for compliance with all state and federal				
20	regulations?				
`	Are procedures in place to assure that adequate, sufficient				
21	documentation is collected as support for each payment?				
	Are procedures in place to ensure proper account code fields are				
22	used to clearly distinguish program expenditures?				

	Are procedures in place requiring an additional approval for any		
	disbursements exceeding a set threshold?		
-	Are procedures in place whereby management periodically		
	examines expenditure reports in order to monitor the agency		
	purchases and review payees to identify unusual or questionable		
24	activity?		
	Are controls in place to ensure sufficient cash or federal grant		
	recievables (if applicable) is available prior to the agency approval		
25	of payment documents?		
	Are procedures in place to ensure that expenditures are recorded in		
	the appropriate fiscal/budget/ federal accounting period and are		
26	eligible costs for that period?		
	Are procedures in place to ensure that payment of prior year claims		
27	are in accordance with Miss Code Ann. 27.104.25 (1972)?		
	Cash Disbursements- Receiving Reports		
	Does the agency verify the goods receipt against the purchase order		
	prior to approval for payment?		
	Are procedures in place whereby claims are filed promptly for		
	goods damaged in shipment?		
	Cash Disbursements- Petty Cash		
	Is the petty cash account assigned to only one person?		
	Does someone other than the cashier (or authorizing official)		
	reconcile the monthly petty cash bank statement?		
	Is the petty cash account in the agency name?		
	Are all checks sequentially pre-numbered and imprinted with "Petty		
33	Cash Fund"?		
	Are the pre-numbered checks imprinted with the agency name?		
	Are checks signed after reviewing supporting documentation in		
35	order to reimburse the petty cash account?		
	Does the check register list every check issued, date of issuance,		
	check number, name of payee, the amount disbursed and the		
36	account to be charged?		

37	Are the monthly bank statements reconciled to the check register?		
	Are cancelled checks (or carbon copies) and bank statements		
38	maintained for audit?		
	Are spoiled checks marked "VOID" and the signature line		
39	obliterated or mutilated?		
	Are voided checks filed in numerical sequence with cancelled		
40	checks?		
	Does receipts for all disbursements accompany the request for		
41	reimbursement?		
	Does the agency conduct surprise reconciliations of cash box, if		
42	applicable?		
	Are petty cash blank checks secured and locked with access to only		
43	the responsible employee or supervisor?		
	Are procedures in place to ensure that petty cash funds are not		
	used for cashing checks or otherwise advancing funds to any officer		
44	or employee? (Miss. Code Ann. 7-7-59)		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 8: Accounts Receivable

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Accounts Receivable				
1	The agency's accounts receivable policies and procedures are clearly stated through manuals, handbooks, or other media?				
	Are all receivable transactions properly and accurately recorded, aged, and accounted for in the MAGIC				
	system?				
3	Are billings timely and accurately recorded and documented on the date the revenue transaction was completed, or the nearest normal billing cycle date?				
4	Are all collections on accounts receivable deposited and the source and date of payment recorded in a timely manner?				
5	Are the responsibilities for billing services and fees segregated between those for collection and accounting?				
6	Are the responsibilities for maintaining detailed accounts receivable records segregated between those for collection, deposit, and general ledger postings?				

	Are all adjustments, write-offs, and discharges		
	properly authorized, documented, and made in		
	accordance with establish policies, procedures and		
	legal requirements?		
	Are uncollected accounts periodically reviewed and		
	collection actions taken in accordance with		
	established policies, procedures, and legal		
8	requirements?		
	Are account balances aged periodically and reviewed		
	by an official not involved in cash receipts and		
9	disbursements?		
	Are recorded balances of receipts, acccounts		
	receivable and related transaction activity periodically		
10	substantiated and evaluated?		
	Are receivables recorded promptly after collection?		
12	Are records of receivables easily accessible?		
	Are receivable amounts periodically reviewed for		
	credit balances?		
	Are the quantities, prices and clerical accuracy of		
	billing invoices independently verified by another		
-	person other than the preparer?		
	Are billing statements promptly sent to all customers		
	on a regular basis?		
	Are adequate files maintained by the agency on all		
	accounts that have been written off to avoid violation		
	which prohibits the forgiveness of debts owed to the		
	State?		
	Are voided billings retained on file?		
-	Cash Receipts- Deposits		
	Has the agency developed an internal processing		
	system capable of separating payments received from		
	related accounting departments? How soon are they		
18	processed?		

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	Are all deposits properly and accurately recorded and			
19	accounted for in MAGIC?			
	Are checks endorsed "For Deposit Only" immediately			
20	upon their receipt?			
	Are the responsibilities for collection and deposit			
	preparation functions segregated from the recording			
	of cash receipts and general ledger entries?			
	or easily escapes and general reager entires.			
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	Are the responsibilities for cash receipts functions			
22	segregated from those for cash disbursements?			
	Are personnel, who physically handle daily receipts,			
23	periodically rotated?			
	Do procedures exist for follow up and collection of			
24	"non-sufficient funds" checks?			
	Are "non-sufficient funds" checks handled by			
	someone independent of processing and recording of			
	cash receipts?			
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	If payments are made in person, are receipts			
	controlled by cash register, prenumbered receipts, or			
	other equivalent?			
	Are receipts accounted for and balanced to collections			
27	on a daily basis?			
	Does the agency have a secure fireproof area for			
	protecting and storing undeposited cash reciepts? Is			
28	this area restricted to authorized personnel only?			
	Are the undeposited cash reciepts locked in a secure			
	area?			
	Are remittances by mail listed at the time mail is			
	received-opened? If so, does the agency forward a			
20				
30	copy of the listing to the personnel in cash receipts?			

24	Does the agency keep an original copy of the remittance by mail listing? Who keeps the original		
31	сору?		
	Is the remittance by mail list daily compared with the		
32	deposit by a third person?		
33	Is cash receiving function centralized?		
	Are cashiers prohibited from cashing personal checks		
34	or notes of personal indebtedness?		
	Are bank balances in excess of \$250,000, the F.D.I.C.		
25	limit, are adequately secured?		
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	Are deposits into agency clearing funds in accordance		
36	with approval by the DFA and State Treasury?		
	Are cash drawers balanced on a daily basis? Does the		
	supervisor verify that the cash is in balance and sign		
37	off?		
	Are surprise cash drawer audits being conducted by		
38	supervisors, periodically?		
	Are MAGIC security profiles consistent with the		
	segregation of duties over receipt functions?		
	Are procedures in place to document when receipt of		
	funds should be recorded as refunds of expenditures		
	or prior year revenue?		
	In the agency's internal control plan, is there a		
	summary memo regarding the overall soundness of		
	their controls over the receipt functions is present?		

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Section 9 : Travel

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Travel				
1	Are procedures in place to ensure that all travel is done in accordance with the State Travel Policy Rules and Regulations manual published by DFA-OPT?				
2	Does the agency provide all employees subject to travel status with a copy of the Travel Manual?				
3	Does the agency offer training classes to review the Travel Manual with employees?				
4	Are procedures in place whereby a travel waiver form is completed and sent to DFA-OPT prior to making any reservations or commitments that deviate from standard travel procedures?				
5	Are procedures in place to ensure that employees understand that they can only rent a vehicle in lieu of a personal automobile for official state business within the State? (i.e. if rental is less expensive than the current mileagle calculation)				
6	Are procedures in place whereby the agency utilizes the appropriate state contract vendor for cars rented inside or outside the state?				
7	Does the agency have a department travel coordinator who handles the monitoring and compliance of State Travel Rules and Regulations and other travel related assistance?				

	Are procedures in place to ensure travel reimbursement requests are submitted by employees <u>immediately</u> upon their return from the travel and any travel settled at the time?		
	Are procedures in place to cancel credit cards immediately		
	upon employee termination?		
	apon employee termination.		
	Are procedures in place to review the credit card statements		
	sent to the agency reporting card use by employees?		
	What procedures are in place when an employee misuses a		
	credit card?		
	Are procedures in place to ensure that travel reimbursement		
	requests are verified, checked for compliance and approved		
12	before submitted to DFA?		
	Are procedures in place to govern the use of the state-owned		
	vehicles in accordance with Miss. Code Ann (1972) 25-1-79 and		
	25-9-153 and the use of Fuelman cards (if applicable)?		
	Does management understand that they are responsible for		
	ensuring the compliance with Section 25-3-41, Miss Code		
14	(1972) by providing internal controls over employee travel?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 10: Grant Administration

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Indirect Cost Recovery				
1	Are unallowable cost charged to federal awards either directly or indirectly?				
2	Has the agency's organizational structure been reviewed to determine the appropriate indirect cost or cost allocation plan proposal methodology?				
3	Has the indirect cost rate proposal or cost allocation plan been prepared according to requirements set forth by OMB Circular A-87, Cost Prinicipals for State and Local Government or OMB Circular A21-, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions?				
4	Has a completed indirect cost rate proposal or cost allocation plan been submitted, negotiated and approved by the cognizant agency in a timely manner?				
5	Has an approved indirect cost rate or amount been applied against appropriate grant awards?				
6	Has the agency identified events that may affect the cost rate proposal or cost allocation plan to ensure that updates are performed in a timely manner? (i.e. new federal programs, reorganization or budget reductions)				
	Federal Grant Compliance				
7	Does the agency have controls in place to ensure that all purchases made with federal funds are in accordance with OMB Circular A-87?				

8	Does the agency take responsibility for administering federal funds in a manner consistent with underlying agreements, program objectives, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award?			
9	Does the agency have procedures in place to ensure that an employee (s) has security access to the grantors' draw down system?			
10	Who has security access to the grantors' draw down system?			
11	Is the employee(s) trained and knowledgeable of the federal program requirements?			
12	Are procedures in place for determining expenditures when charging to specific federal programs?			
13	Does the employee(s) demonstrate a responsibility for determining allowable costs?			
14	Does the agency have a tracking mechanism (either thru MAGIC or internal agency system) to monitor actual expenditures against federal grant award amounts?			
15	Are methods in place to detect potential unallowable activites?			
16	Has the agency implemented procedures to verify/confirm participant eligibility for applicable federal programs operated?			
17	Does the agency have procedures in place to ensure that uniform policies, procedures and regulations exist regardless of the funding source of funds?			
18	Does the agency have procedures in place so that costs are not to be included to meet cost sharing or matching requirements?			
	Does the agency have procedures to ensure that matching/level of effort requirements are met and documented by the agency and its subrecipients?			
20	Can the agency ensure that all cost charged to a federal program is reasonable?			

21	Does the agency have procedures in place to ensure accurate and timely reported to federal grantor agencies?			
22	When reporting to federal grantor agencies, does the agency have adequate supporting documentation to support reports?			
	Does the agency have procedures in place to ensure that the draw down of federal funds are in accordance with award draw down schedule?			
24	Are procedures in place to ensure compliance with the Cash Management Improvement Act (CMIA)?			
	Is interest earned on federal funds identified and reported to the federal funding agency?			
26	Do policies exist to account for program income from federal program activites? Are procedures in place to ensure that no alcoholic beverages are purchased with federal funds?			
	Are contracts and subrecipient award/grant documents reviewed to ensure inclusion of all applicable federal requirements?			
	Does the agency have procedures in place to ensure that compensation for employees engaged in work on federal awards is consistent with that paid for similar activities of the government?			
	For employees working on a single federal award or cost objective, are charges for salary and wages supported by periodic certifications? If so, does the agency review that the employee worked on that program during the period covered by the certification?			
31	Does the agency maintain personnel activity reports or equivalent documentation on the distribution of employees salaries or wages, when an employee work(s) on multiple grants or activities?			

	Does the agency have procedures in place to adequately train		
	appropriate staff on federal grant requirements? (i.e. training		
32	updates on changes on federal grant circulars etc.)		
	Are procedures in place to ensure compliance with each federal		
	agency's codification of the grants management common rule for		
33	which they are awarded funds?		
	Can the agency ensure compliance with appropriate requirements		
	for each grant administered pursuant to grant award documents		
34	and to requirements applicable to A-133 Compliance Supplement?		
	Does the agency annually document and identify current year		
	subrecipient, monitoring acctivities to be performed, schedule of		
35	activities and reporting results?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 11: Fixed Assets

Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
Construction:				
Are actual expenditures compared to planned amounts				
1 by project?				
Are capital outlay plans updated to reflect approved				
change orders affecting the original budget?				
2				
Are procedures in place to ensure that procurement				
regulations are met and documented including the				
3 approval from the Public Procurement Review Board?				
Are procedures in place to ensure that construction-in-				
4 progress and completed projects are properly recorded?				
Are procedures in place to ensure that budgeted items at				
5 all levels do not exceed the amount fixed for projects?				
Does the agency (if applicable) comply to the guidelines				
6 set forth for projects by DFA-OPT?				
Fixed Assets: Overview				
Are fixed assets only acquired for use in furthering the				
7 agency's programs and missions?				
Is access to the fixed asset system limited to employees				
8 who need access to perform their job responsibilities?				

4	Are all assets within the required capitalization or control				
	limits being recorded in the Fixed Asset System in a timely				
9 1	manner?				
,	Are proper stewardship and control over assets being				
10	enforced? (i.e. periodic inventory)				
	Do financial records and reports properly reflect the fixed				
11	asset balances?				
12	Are fixed assets protected from theft?				
	If theft occurs of a fixed asset, what are the procedures				
	for reporting the theft?				
	Are segregation of duties maintained between the				
	recording of fixed assets in the Fixed Asset System and				
	the purchase and disposal of fixed assets?				
	Does the agency adequately and timely prepare reports				
15	required by the State Property Office?				
	Does the agency abide by all policy and regulations issued				
16	by the State Property Office?				
4	Are fixed asset purchases in accordance with MS Code				
	Ann (1972) Section 31-7-13? (MS Code, Section 31-7-13,				
17	Bid requirements)				
	Does the agency properly record excluded assets that are				
ı	not required to be reported by the State Property Office?				
18					
	Are excluded assets safeguarded against damages or				\Box
19	theft?				
	Have employees been informed of State Property Office				
20	regulations and internal procedures?				
21	Are internal procedures documented in writing?				
	Are procedures in place to ensure proper recording of			 	
22	donated assets (if applicable)?				
	Does the agency follow the proper procedures for				
23	recording an asset without a purchaser order?				
	Are DFA-OFR instructions, for GAAP reporting, followed				
24	and appropriate schedules submitted in a timely manner?				

	Are source documents from audit trails provided for all			
25	fixed asset transactions?			
	Does the agency review proper recordings of assets in the			
26	fixed asset system?			
	Fixed Assets: Betterments and Upgrades			
	Are all tranactions involving betterments or upgrades			
	evaluated on a case-by-case basis? If so, does the agency			
	determine whether cost should or should not be entered			
27				
21	in the fixed asset management system?			
	Are cost enter into the fixed asset management sustains			
	Are cost enter into the fixed asset management system			
28	properly referenced against the underlying original asset? Does the agency assign realistic useful life to all			
	depreciable assets when reporting additions			
20				
29	(betterments) to the State Property Office?			
20	Are asset acquisition cost, acquisition date and useful life			
30	properly recorded so that accurate depreciation is			
	Fixed Asset: Disposal and Transfers			
	When assets are disposed, does the asset show a			
	deactivation date?			
	How does the agency handle surplus transfers?			
	Are all surplus items, reported timely to State Property			
33	Office?			
	How does the agency handle obsolete and/or broken			
	assets?			
	Are asset transfers properly documented indicating the			
35	receiving party?			
	Does segregration of duties exist between physical			
36	control and disposal of assets?			
	Is stolen property reported to security immediately and			
	removed from inventory?			
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	Fixed Assets: Federal Fixed Asset Accounting		
	Requirements		
	Does the agency ensure that assets purchased with		
	federal grant funds conform to the state and federal rules		
38	and regulations?		
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	Are cost principles and administrative requirements		
39	pertaining to federally funded assets followed?		
	Does the fixed assets management system reflect		
	property as purchased with federal funds and the specific		
40	federal program?		
	Are controls in place to exclude the depreciation on		
	capitalized fixed assets purchased with federal grant		
	funds and on surplus property from the indirect cost		
41	pool?		
	Are grantors notified (if required) when capitalized assets		
	acquired with grant funds are no longer used in the grant		
42	program?		
	Fixed Assets: Maintenance of Assets		
	Are maintenance costs of assets (owned or rented)		
43	periodically reviewed and analyzed?		
	Are manintenance contracts current and cover only		
44	assets approved by management?		
	Are procedures in place to ensure that maintenance costs		
45	are not incurred for assets covered under warranties?		
	Are warranty expirations reviewed so maintenance can		
46	be continued, if necessary?		
	Does the agency terminate maintenance contracts when		
	cost is determined to be excessive in relation to cost to		
4/	replace the asset?		
	Capital Leases		
40	Are lease policies and procedures in accordance with the		
48	States requirements?		

Are all lease transcations properly and accurately recorded and accounted for within the MAGIC and agency-based accounting system (if applicable)?		
Are all lease/notes payable information properly reported to DFA-OFR in the agency GAAP packet process?		
In preparing the agency budget request, are amounts needed to pay principal and interest properly budgeted?		
Are all leases properly classified as either operating or capital?		
Where are all the files on all active leases maintained at the agency?		
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FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 12: SPAHRS

Questi		Yes	No	NA	Comments
SPAHR	S Introduction				
proper	the agency ensure that management and staff are ly trained in the use of SPAHRS and the controls available the system?				
does no	yroll-processing tasks segregated so that one person ot have control of a transaction from beginning to end?				
author	he agency have policies in place to ensure that only ized persons have access to essential data and are able the changes to employee pay records?				
	ocumentation and authorization exist for all employee changes and payroll transactions?				
	ese employee record changes and payroll transactions ed for audit purposes?				
Does the following the followi	he agency ensure that paychecks are not distributed prior day?				
7 Does th	he agency run a preliminary payroll report?				
8 final ru					
	reports generated from the use of mass transactions and ated interface processes reviewed to verify accuracy? (if able)				
1099 R	eporting				

10	Does the agency ensure that all quarterly 1099 reports have been reviewed?		
11	Are all appropriate adjustmens been made prior to the certification of the final year-to-date totals?		
	SPAHRS Data Entry		
12	Are proper paperwork and authorization in place prior to entering payroll data?		
13	Has the agency developed policy and procedures concerning the data entry and review process?		
14	Does the payroll and fiscal officers review data entry prior to certification of payroll?		
15	Are forms/applications (if applicable) used to establish an employee record or make a change to current information maintained by the agency for audit purposes?		
16	Does the agency approve all funding information in MAGIC prior to entry of payroll transactions into SPAHRS?		
	SPAHRS Employee Profiles Hires/Rehires		
17	Does the agency have documentation supporting the hiring and/or rehiring of employees completed and authorized before processing?		
18	Prior to SPAHRS submission, does the agency review all information pertaining to the new hires to ensure the correctness of the data entry?		
19	Does the agency ensure that all employees complete both federal and state withholding forms?		
20	Does the agency imputs into SPAHRS the allowances claimed by the employee on Form W04s and any additional amount requested on both the federal and state withholding forms?		

	Does the agency ensure that all reciprocal tax agreements with		
	other states honored and taxes are withheld and reported to		
21	those states?		
	Does the agency require eligible employees to complete a new		
	W-5, Earned Income Credit form, by certification of the first pay		
	period of the new calendar year?		
	Does the agency maintain, for audit purposes, all applicable		
	forms/applications used to establish an employee record or to		
23	make a change to the current information?		
	SPAHRS Employee Profiles-Terminations		
	Does the agency verify that SPAHRS information concerning		
	terminating employees is complete, properly authorized, and		
24	entered accurately into SPAHRS?		
	Does the agency fiscal officer ensure that all payments have		
	been properly and accurately issued and that any outstanding		
	advances or agency property have been recovered prior to the		
25	final payment issued to the employee?		
	Does the agency ensure that all benefit deductions are adjusted		
26	as required prior to final payment to the employee?		
	Does the agency ensure that all debt-set off amounts have been		
27	recovered and processed?		
	SPHARS Leave Accounting		
	Does the agency supervisors use SPAHRS reports to verify leave		
	entries to determine ending leave balances are correct and		
28	inform Human Resources/Payroll if discrepancies are noted?		
	Has the agency established appropriate processes governing		
	leave form preparation, authorization, submission, data entry,		
29	and reconciliation?		
	Does the agency retain documentation supporting entries		
30	establishing leave balances?		

31	Does the agency ensure that leave transactions are authorized and entered on a timely basis?		
32	Does the agency ensure that employee leave documents are stored in a secure location to maintain the confidentiality of the data?		
33	Does the agency separate tasks related to leave activity to ensure that no one person has control of a transaction from beginning to end?		
	SPAHRS- Unpaid Leaves of Absence and Overpayments		
34	Are accurate and complete timekeeping performed to ensure that all periods of LWOP are reported and salary payments docked accordingly?		
35	Has the agency implemented policies and procedures concerning LWOP and overpayments?		
36	Are all reductions in an employee's salary properly authorized and entered into SPAHRS correctly and timely?		
37	Does the agency retain supporting payroll documents for audit purposes?		
38	Does the agency have in place procedures to ensure that benefits are adjusted appropriately as a result of LWOP or other reductions?		
	SPAHRS- Time and Attendance		
	Does the agency verify that source documents, such as timecards, timesheets, or any other authorization used to pay or adjust and employee's pay, have been properly completed,		
	authorized, and entered accurately into SPAHRS? Does the agency ensure that employees comply with work schedules?		
41	Does the agency ensure that overtime is properly authorized?		
42	Does the agency have procedures for allocating time when less than 100% is worked on an activity?		

	Does the agency have procedures for when funding is from	
	multiple sources to ensure allocation of expenditures are made	
43	to correct program or project?	
	Does the agency management periodically review allocation of	
	salaries to funding sources?	
	Are SPAHRS payroll duties segregated between the person who	
	collects and processes the source documents and the fiscal	
45	manager who oversees the payroll operations?	
	Are proper source documentation maintained and accessible	
46	for review?	
	SPAHRS Deductions	
	Does proper documentation exist prior to initiating any changes	
\vdash	to an employee's record related to any payroll deductions?	
	Does the agency verify that the employee's Treasury Direct	
48	account information is complete?	
	Is the Treasury Direct account information properly authorized	
	and entered accurately into SPAHRS and all appropriate	
49	files/documentation submitted?	
	Does the agency ensure that all employee and agency health	
50	insurance premiums due to DFA/Office of Insurance are paid?	
	Does the agency perform monthly reconciliation of the health	
	care premiums collected?	
	Does the agency ensure that applicable forms affecting all	
52	payroll deductions are maintained for audit?	
	Does the agency ensure that retirement information is	
53	recorded correctly on an employee?	
	Is the monthly reconciliation of retirement plan contribution	
	performed?	
	Does the agency ensure that insurance plan deductions are	
55	established properly in SPAHRS?	
	Does the agency perform monthly reconciliation of the	
56	insurance contributions?	

	SPAHRS- Direct Deposit			
	Are direct deposit payments made to the correct employee			
57	bank account?			
	Does the agency maintain copies of employee direct deposit			
58	enrollment applications?			
	Does the agency have procedures in place to remove			
	employees from direct deposit when leave balance falls below			
59	agency established minimum balance?			
	SPAHRS Payroll Certification			
	Does the agency have policies and procedures governing the			
60	payroll certification process?			
	Are the duties for data entry for payroll segregated from the			
61	duties for final approval of payroll?			
	There is an assigned primary certifier and backup in cases when			
62	the primary certifier is not available.			
	there are procedures in place to ensure that unauthorized			
63	personnel do not breach the certification security.			
	SPAHRS Automated Changes			
	All reports generated from the use of mass transactions and			
64	automated interface processes (if applicable) are reviewed to			
04	verify accuracy. SPAHRS Exception Pay			
65	As the agency, have you used Expection and Issue Pay?			
03	Does the agency, beforing entering an exception in SPAHRS pay,			
	ensure that proper documentation has been received and			
	approved by appropriate parties? (i.e. memorandums,			
66	authorizations)			
- 00	Does the agency verify exception pay results to ensure the			
67	entries are processed as expected?			
,	SPAHRS Void Employee Payments			
	Are all voids submitted to DFA/BFC for processing properly			
	prepared by the agency payroll department and reviewed by			
68	the fiscal manager to ensure validity?			
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	Does the fiscal manager document evidence of the review by		
69	providing a signature and date of the review?		
	Does the agency have procedures in place to ensure that void		
	checks are processed immediately upon notification of need		
70	and in accordance with DFA procedures?		
	SPAHRS Security		
	Has the agency implemented procedures governing the levels		
	of security requested and assigned appropriate employee		
71	access to SPAHRS?		
	Is access to SPAHRS limited to individuals who need the access		
72	to perform their job responsibilities?		
73	Has the agency assigned a SPAHRS Security Contact?		
	Is the SPAHRS Security contact responsible for the		
74	comprehensive system of internal control over SPAHRS access?		
	Does the agency SPAHRS Security contact verify the		
	appropriateness of security actions and levels prior to the		
	submission of the SPAHRS Security User Profile Maintenance		
75	form to MMRS?		
	Does the agency require, in a 24 hour time period, the		
	submission of request to delete access for		
	terminated/transferred employees in order to safeguard the		
76	assets of the State?		
	Are all copies of the SPAHRS Security User Profile/Maintenance		
	form and agency Security reports maintained by the agency for		
77	audit purposes?		
	Does the agency respond timely to the quarterly distribution		
	security verification report, noting required changes or		
78	acceptance of existing security?		
	Does the agency have policies in place to ensure that individuals		
	with salary and time attendance access do not have access to		
79	these functions in SPAHRS?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 13: Davis-Bacon Act

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Davis-Bacon Act				
	Does management understand the requirements to pay				
1	wages in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act?				
	Does management properly communicate the				
	requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act to staff, contractors,				
2	and subcontractors?				
	Does management understand its responsibility for				
3	monitoring compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act?				
	Does the agency identify contractors or subcontractors				
	who are at a high risk of not paying the prevailing wage				
4	rates?				
	does management identify how compliance with the Davis-				
	Bacon Act will be monitored and the related risk of failure				
5	to monitor for compliance?				
	Does the agency obtain, review, and maintain the				
	prevailing wages rates from the Federal Register or				
6	Department of Labor?				
	Are prevailing wage rates and provisions of the Davis-	_		_	
7	Bacon Act posted at job sites?				
	Are contractors informed in the procurement process of				
8	the requirements for paying prevailing wage rates?				
	Does the agency require contractors and subcontractors to				
9	submit certifications and copies of payroll?				

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	Does the agency compare the prevailing wage rates with		
	the rates paid by contractors or subcontractors based on		
10	payroll information submitted?		
	Do reports provide sufficient information to determine if		
11	the requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act are being met?		
	Are channels of communication established for staff,		
	contractors, and workers to report misclassification or		
1	failure to pay prevailing wages?		
12			
	Does the agency periodically interview contractors or		
	subcontractors workers to verify the wage rates being paid		
13	and compare to the prevailing wage rates?		
	Does an agency employee or an outside consultant		
	assigned the specific responsibility to monitor contractors		
	for compliance with the contract terms, including Davis-		
14	Bacon provision?		
	Are on-site visits periodically performed to monitor		
	classifications, wage rates, and other requirements of the		
15	Davis-Bacon Act?		
1.0	Are monitoring reports from contractors and consultants		
16	independently compared to employer submitted reports?		
	Are requests periodically made to the Department of Labor		
	for findings regarding the existence of any discriminatory		
17	practices by either contractors or subcontractors?		
	Does management conduct reviews to ensure that		
	certified payrolls are properly received, maintained, and		
18	monitored?		

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 14: MAGIC Security

	Question MAGIC Security	Yes	No	NA	Comments
1	Has the agency assigned approprite employee access to MAGIC?				
2	Is access in MAGIC limited to individuals who need the access to perform their job responsibilities?				
	Has the agency assigned a MAGIC Security Contact? Is the MAGIC Security Contact responsible for the comprehensive				
4	system of internal control over MAGIC access?				

FY 2016 Internal Control Assessment Section 15: Fraud, Waste & Abuse

	Question	Yes	No	NA	Comments
	Fraud, Waste & Abuse				
	Are controls in place to identify improper reporting of				
	receivables(cash) to conceal misappropriation of				
1	receivable payments?				
	transactions, fictitious vendors, and inflated invoices from				
	vendors? If so, what are the controls you have				
2	implemented?				
	Are controls in place to identify unauthorized payroll				
	adjustments? If so, what are the controls you have				
3	implemented?				
	Does management conduct regular capital asset inventory				
	reviews to account for all departmental assets and				
4	identify potential theft by employees?				
	Does management periodically review work flow				
1 _	processes to identify transactions and positions that are a				
5	high risk of being subject to fraud?				
	Has management established appropriate segregation of				
	duties, proper review and approval levels of authority,				
6	and proactive fraud review procedures?				
	Has the agency developed and documented a related				
7	party transactions policy and approval process?				
	Are potential conflicts of interest for related party				
	transactions disclosed on a periodic basis and applicable				
8	information made available to procurement staff?				

Does the agency conduct periodic reviews to evaluate whether the current controls are effective to ensure fraud risk is addressed?		
Has the agency published a method for public and employee reporting of suspected fraud, waste and abuse?		
Does the agency have procedures for investigating suspected instances of fraud, waste, and abuse?		
Does senior management ensure that the necessary follow-up actions are taken in response to reported control deficiencies?		
Are current audit and compliance reporting procedures timely and effective?		